



****RCCA RAM-O-GRAM****

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NEW CELL PHONE POLICY BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY!

Beginning **NEXT Monday, 9/12**, students will now be required to check their cell phones in at the beginning of the school day and then pick them up at the end of the day. We will have a check in point down in the gym, inside the entrance. Students will put their phones into a numbered pouch that is hanging on the wall. After the final bell rings and the gym doors are locked at 8:00am, the cell phones will be taken to the office where they will be securely held. At the end of the day, the phones will be taken back down to the exit doors in the gym where students can then retrieve their phone. Each student will have an assigned number for where to store their phone. We realize this may cause some frustration for students, but this is not an unusual policy. Many schools enforce similar policies due to the ongoing issues associated with cell phone use during school. If any emergencies arise during the school day, and you need to contact your student, please call the school office at **607-748-3301 or 3302**, and we can get a message to your student. If your student needs to contact you during the day, they can come to the office and use the office phones.

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

STUDENT DROP OFF / PICK UP: Please note that if you drive your children to school, please enter from the Ross Hill entrance, keeping your vehicle in the gravel area, and drop children off at the crosswalk. Traffic cones have been strategically placed as a guide. Cars need to stay behind those and leave the paved area next to the school clear for buses. This allows the bus drivers better visibility of students who are walking across the crosswalk. **Only buses should be entering through the lower, Owego Road entrance (across from Sub Factory).** Buses drive straight up along the side of the school building, unload students at the double gym doors (at the crosswalk) and exit at the top of the parking lot at the Ross Hill upper exit. Please follow these guidelines to keep our students safe.

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:00 am. Students should be in their first period class by the time the 2nd bell rings at 8:00am. The gym doors will be closed and locked at this time, and students will have to go through the office and sign in. Students will be marked as Tardy unless they have a written excuse from a parent with a valid reason for being late. Please call the school office first thing in the morning if your student is going to be absent and send a written excuse to the office the day your student returns. If you know your student is going to be absent for a day or more, please send in an excuse ahead of time so the teacher's can arrange to send their work with them.

ALSO NOTE: Students are not allowed to drive off campus for lunch and will not be allowed to leave school at any time without first providing the office with written permission from a parent before signing out.

STUDENT DRIVERS: Student drivers need to pick up a request form from the office to obtain parental permission to drive and park here at school. The office needs to have vehicle information on file in case of emergency. Also, students **are not allowed to ride together without permission from BOTH sets of parents on file in the office.**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION

After school care is now available until 6:00pm. If you'd like to take advantage of this program, please inform the school office.

VOLUNTEERING AT RCCA!

We would love to enlist the help of parents, grandparents, and friends of the Academy to come in and serve, whether it be in our lunchroom, help with cleaning and maintenance, serving as a classroom aide, etc. If you have a little extra time and some special abilities that could be put to good use here, please contact the office. Strong parental support is much needed for the continued success of our school! **We are in need of 2 or 3 more kitchen volunteers to help in our school kitchen to help serve lunch. The time commitment is from 10:30-12:30.**

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We are excited to once again host Grandparent's Day here at RCCA on **Thursday, October 6th, from 8:30-11:30am.** Please share this information with your children's grandparents so they can plan to come and spend the morning with us. There will be light refreshments, a short program in the church auditorium, and then grandparents can sit in the classrooms with their grandchildren and participate in some fun games and activities.

TEXT ALERT SERVICE AVAILABLE!

If you wish to be added to our text alert notification service, please provide the office with the cell phone numbers on which you wish to receive the alert. You can either email the office, or write them down and give to the office when you come through. Once submitted, you will receive a text invitation from Mr. Wyse to join. This is the fastest and best method of getting important school information out. We will use this for any emergency information that might arise as well as school closings, early dismissals, special events or calendar changes, dress down days, etc. If you want to be "in the know", please subscribe to this service.

PARENT PRAYER GROUP!!

Our parent prayer group is planning to meet here at school twice a month to pray for our students & families, our school, and any other needs that arise. The group will be meeting **at 8:05 am on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month beginning on September 22nd.** We encourage any parent/grandparents who are available to come. Even if you don't feel comfortable praying in a group, you are still welcome to come to meet other parents and add your support in this endeavor.

SCHOOL / SPORTS PHYSICALS

Please remember to get all updated health & physical information as well as immunization records to the school office ASAP. Our school nurse will be in within the first couple of weeks and will be checking for all required documentation.

If your student is planning to play sports at school this year, they are required to get a sports physical EVERY YEAR, BEFORE THEY BEGIN PRACTICE. If you chose to take your student to their own personal physician for a physical, please have the doctor complete our Sports Physical Form and return it to school before sports practices begin. Forms can be obtained from our website or from the school office.

RCCA 2016-17 SPORTS

Soccer practice has already begun. If your student is interested in playing, they are still welcome to jump in and start attending practices. Soccer and basketball schedules for 2016-2017 school year are available on the school website at www.rccarams.org. Please note that these dates are subject to change.

YEARBOOKS STILL ON SALE!

Yearbooks for 2015-2016 are still on sale for \$40. Stop by the office anytime during our summer office hours or after school begins to pick one up.

RCCA WEBSITE

Please remember to visit our school website at www.rccarams.org for school information, application forms, health & physical forms, student handbook, school calendar, Ram-O-Grams, and lunch menus.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER:

- 7: **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- 13: **Begin sale of Save Around Book**
- 20: **Back to School Night (K-12) 6:30-8:30pm**
- 28: **"See You at the Pole" 7:35am**

OCTOBER:

- 3: **Christian College Fair in RCCA gym 6:30-8:30pm**
- 4: **Save Around Book sale ends**
- 5: **ASVAB Test (11th grade) 8-11am**
- 6: **Grandparent's Day 8:30-11:30am**
- 7-10: **No School: Columbus Day Weekend**
- 11: **School Pictures**
- 12: **1st MP Interim – Progress Reports**
- 19: **PSAT Test 8-11am (9th-12th students who register)**
- 27-29: **NYPENN Soccer Tournament @ BC United**

